

Senator Bond: Improving Care for our Nation's Veterans, Active Military, Guard and Reserves

Veterans Medical Care

As former chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee that funds the Department of Veterans Affairs, Bond has been instrumental in increasing the VA medical care account by some \$13 billion since 1998, a 74 percent increase.

Harry S Truman VA Hospital

- 10/20/99 Bond secures \$3.9 million to build a lab at Truman VA in the fiscal year 2000 VA-HUD bill.
- 8/27/02 Bond celebrates Truman VA Research Facility Ribbon Cutting.
- 4/3/04 Bond celebrates completion of Truman VA Research Facility.
- 12/06 Bond and Congressman Hulshof secure Congressional authorization of \$25.8 million for improvements to Truman VA Hospital operating rooms.
- 3/12/07 Bond and Hulshof announce final approval of \$25.8 million for renovation of operating rooms.

Kansas City VA Hospital

- 3/28/02 Bond sends letter to VA Secretary Principi and VA IG regarding KCVA conditions calling for an investigation.
- 3/28/02 Sec. Principi shake's up KCVA staff.
- 4/02 VA spends \$10 million to clean up hospital.
- 6/3/02 Bond visits KCVA, conducts personal inspection.
- 5/12/03 Bond, Sec. Principi visit KCVA for follow up.

Medical Holds at Ft. Stewart, Knox

- 10/21/03 Bond staff visit Ft. Stewart, Georgia to investigate allegations of substandard housing for Guard/Reserve personnel in a medical hold status.
- 10/24/03 Senators Bond and Leahy issue report on medical holds at Ft. Stewart.
- 10/29/03 Bond-Leahy staff visit Ft. Knox, find similar situation as that at Ft. Stewart.
- 10/6/03 Bond-Leahy send letter to Comptroller General David Walker to conduct a comprehensive study of all Army mobilization sites and determine adequacy of medical care, housing and standards of care for active and reserves.

Mental Health Care Treatment at Ft. Carson

- 07/10/06 Bond staff visit Ft. Carson, Colorado to talk to soldiers problems they were having related to PTSD.
- 12/7/06 Senators Bond, Boxer, Obama letter to William Winkenwerder, Jr. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to investigate allegations in consultation with Defense Task Force on Mental Health.
- 1/04/07 Bond, Boxer, Obama staff visit Ft. Carson for official visit on treatment of soldiers.